

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6280

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H PASS SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON

ATTN: OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, PEPR, JO (STOUT, REV. DONALD D.)  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONFISCATION OF TOURIST SOUVENIRS

REF: A) STATE 124098 B) STATE OM OF MAY 18, 1978.

1. ON MAY 30, CONSULAR OFFICER MET WITH REPRESENTATIVE  
OF GOJ REPRESENTING THE JORDANIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

2. GOJ SPOKESMAN STATED THAT HOST GOVERNMENT POLICY  
REQUIRES CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO SEIZE ALL ARTICLES FROM  
TOURISTS MADE IN ISRAEL OR TO BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL  
PURPOSES.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE GOJ RETURNING THE CONFISCATED  
ARTICLES HE STATED THAT AFTER A MONTH THE ARTICLES ARE  
DESTROYED AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT RETURN THE  
SOUVENIRS.

4. GOJ REPRESENTATIVE ASSURED CONSULAR OFFICER THAT  
DISCRETION AND PRUDENCE WOULD BE USED WITHIN LIMITS  
OF THE LAW IN FUTURE DEALINGS WITH AM/CITS.

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5. ENCLOSURE TO REFERENCED OM WILL BE RETURNED  
SEPARATELY.  
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## Message Attributes

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